

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-48 remain pending. Claims 2-16 and 23-48 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1 and 17-22 have been rejected. In this response, claims 17 and 20 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 18-19, and 21-22 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 17-19, 21 and 22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,366,452 to Wang, et al. ("Wang"), in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,848,179 to Ubhayakar ("Ubhayakar"). Claim 20 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wang in view of Ubhayakar, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,684,448 to Jacobsen, et al. ("Jacobsen").

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention as claimed includes limitations that are not disclosed or suggested by the cited references. Specifically, for example, independent claim 1 as amended recites as follows:

1. A computer controlled display device, comprising:
a flat panel display having an input for receiving display data;
a base housing a computer; and
a moveable assembly extending from said flat panel display to said base, said moveable assembly having a cross-sectional area that is less than a cross-sectional area of a display structure of said flat panel display, wherein said moveable assembly is articulated to provide at least three degrees of freedom for said flat panel display relative to said base, wherein said moveable assembly includes a proximal end and a distal end, at least one link disposed near said base, a shape-memory metal shaft disposed within said at least one link, and wherein said shape-memory metal shaft is looped at least once from said proximal end to said distal end.

(Emphasis added)

Independent claim 1 includes a moveable assembly for providing at least three degrees of freedom for a flat panel display relative to a base, where moveable assembly includes a

proximal end and a distal end, and a shape-memory metal shaft disposed within at least one link, and wherein the shape-memory metal shaft is looped at least once from the proximal end to the distal end. It is respectfully submitted that the cited references fail to disclose these limitations.

The Office Action contended that Jacobsen discloses a shape-memory metal looped around a finger member of a switch, which reads on the above limitation (see 8/21/2006 Office Action, pp. 4-5). Applicant respectfully disagrees. It is respectfully submitted that there is no disclosure or suggestions within Wang and Ubhayakar to combine with each other for the reasons set forth in the previous response. There is no disclosure that Wang needs a flexible moving assembly of Ubhayakar.

Further there is no disclosure or suggestion within Wang, Ubhayakar, and Jacobsen to combine with each other. Jacobsen is related to a switch that happens to have shape-memory wires (see Abstract of Jacobsen). One with ordinary skill in the art would not combine Wang with Jacobsen because Wang clearly does not require the switch disclosed by Jacobsen.

Merely the fact that Jacobsen mentions a shape-memory metal does not necessarily reads on the claimed limitations set forth above because there is no motivation to combine them with each other.

Therefore, for the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1 is patentable over the cited references. Given that the rest of the claims depend from claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that the rest of the claims are patentable over the cited references.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite

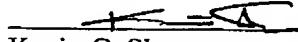
or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

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Respectfully submitted,

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